

April 7, 1941

Mrs. Effa Manley  
110 Montgomery St.  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam;

In reply to your letter of April 7th, I would like to say that I have written to you several times in regards to this matter. I also explained to Mr. Manley that I could not give you the same Drum Corps of last year but I have two Corps now. The big Corps is scheduled to play at the Yankee Stadium at all the Negro National League Games this year and your opening is on the same day that the season opens here.

I am very sorry but I will be very glad to open at your stadium with my Junior Girls' Drum Corps that I will guarantee if you hear them play you will agree with me that they can play as good, if not better than the other Corps and are more attractive.

If you like, I will be glad to send you a contract for them for less than you paid the other Corps. I have also conferred with Miss Willa Mae Johnson and she refuses to come to Newark on that day because the other Corps will be playing in New York.

If it is possible for you to be in New York on a Saturday afternoon, you will be able to hear these girls practice. Enclosed I am sending you some clippings from several of the papers showing what these girls can do. There are twice as many now than when the picture was made.

Please let me hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Heilatah*